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## NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated July 26, 2007 finally rejecting claims 1, 8-10, 13, 15-19 and 26-29.

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$500 for payment of the appeal fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.
- The appeal fee was paid in a previous appeal herein. The examiner re-opened prosecution prior to any decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. No fee is now due.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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